

Transitional Words

To indicate sequence:

after / after that
and / and then
at this point / at this time
before
concurrently
finally
first of all
firstly, secondly, thirdly
followed by
last / lastly
meanwhile
next
previously
simultaneously
subsequently
the first / second / third reason

To introduce an additional idea:

a different
a new
also
an added
an additional / additionally
an extra
and then
another
as well as
besides
equally important
finally
further
furthermore
in addition
likewise
moreover
one can also say
one more
what's more

To give an example:

case in point
for example
for instance
in this case / way
lay bare
living proof
on this occasion
take the case of
this can be seen
to demonstrate
to display
to illustrate
to reveal
to show
when
where

To introduce an opposite idea:

an alternative
but
conversely
despite
even though
however
in contrast
nevertheless
nonetheless
nor can you ignore
on the other hand
one could also say/add
still
then again
though
where
whereas
while
yet

To compare:

alike
as seen/shown/discussed
balanced against
both
by comparison
equally
evaluate
in a different sense / way
like / likewise
match
one and the same
put side by side
same / in the same way
similar to / similarly
weigh against
whereas

To show emphasis:

according to
as much as possible
essentially
extremely
ideally
in any event
in fact
in reality
indeed
must
officially
practically
primarily
primary
significantly
technically
that is
theoretically
to be sure / certain
undoubtedly

To contrast:

a different view is
a variation
balanced against
contrasting views
conversely
differing from
discrepancy
disparity
dissimilarity
distinction
however
in contrast
on the contrary
on the other hand
unlike

To summarise or conclude:

accordingly
and so
as a result
as shown
consequently
finally
for this / that reason
hence
in brief / short
in conclusion
in other words
in summary
in view of that
on the whole
summing up
therefore
thus
to conclude
to summarise / sum up
ultimately

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To indicate time:

after / afterwards
after awhile
afterward
as long as
as often as
as soon as
at length
at that time
at this point in time
before
currently
during
erratically
finally
formerly
frequently / infrequently
immediately
in a while
in the interim / meantime
in the same period
infrequently
initially
later / later on
meanwhile
never
now / right now
presently
previously
prior to
recently
seldom
shortly
since
soon / soon after
subsequently
then
thereafter
until
when / whenever
while

To show subtraction:

after all
against
almost
although
although this may be true
at the same time
barely
but
by groups
different from
either ... or
even though
for all that
hardly
however
however
in contrast to
individually
instead / instead of
it is true
just
less than
neither ... nor
nevertheless
non-
not
notwithstanding
on the contrary
on the other hand
or
other
other than
otherwise
practically
separately
still
with the exception
yet / and yet

To show result:

a number of
accordingly
as a result
as determined by
because of
completely
consequently
hence
in part
partially
satisfactorily
so that
then
thereby
therefore
thereupon
thus

To show place:

adjacent to
at first
at the beginning
beyond
finally
first, second, third
here
in relation to
in the end
nearby
neighbouring
on the opposite side
on the same side
opposite to
over
pre- / post-
there
under
where

To show purpose:

another reason
because
for / for this purpose
in order that
in response to
so that
to this end
with this object

To show frequency:

a percentage
all
alternately
always
commonly
constantly
each / every
few / fewer
frequently
infrequently
many
more
most
never
often
one or two
only
rarely
several
some
throughout
usually

To show coincidence:

at the same time / place
during
equally important
in the meantime
in the period / in the same period
incidentally
meanwhile